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SUBJECT.

Further Retention in Service of Mr. S. Venkata Ranganaya

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Asst to the Excise Commissioner praying for further
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Stating that the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja are not
pleased prepared to recinside the order regarding
the retirement of Mr S. Venkataranganaya as they do see
passed after an exhaustive Consideration of the Matter
in all its aspects.

Comptroller asked
Revenue Secretariat

Bangalore Nagaraja Rao
16/8/03

GPB—5,000—22-10-10

Office Note

S. R 128/03

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To the Sl Council
for any remarks
he may wish to make
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I find that the Dewan has not made any remarks and if this is to be treated as a scheduled case I should be obliged by its being marked either for a Council meeting or for disposal by circulation.

15/8/03.

To the Dewan,

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This matter was discussed in Council and my objection in sending this was to have the opinion of the Sl Council also when

the matter is not up
before the Assembly. It may
be regarded as a scheduled
matter by circulation.

17.VIII.03

I think the memorial
should be rejected
MGMadhavadas
18/8/1903.

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Submitted to His Highness.

This is a memorial addressed to His Highness the facts of the memorialists case may not be fresh in the recollection of His Highness I do not think I can usefully say any thing more than what I have said in my note of 31-7-03.

22.VIII.03

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Submitted to His Highness.

Mr. S. Venkatranga Iyengar, late Assistant to the Excise Commissioner, was immediately before his retirement drawing a pay of Rs 350 as an Extra Assistant Commissioner of the 3rd grade. He has put in a service of nearly forty years, but this will not, under the ordinary rules, give him a pension of Rs 175 being half his pay, as he has drawn at the rate of Rs 350 only for 1 year 9 months and 10 days instead of for three years, which period is taken in calculating the average emoluments. He was under suspension for a year from 16th February 1884 to 16th February 1885, when he was Amildar of Chitaldroog, but this does not operate as an interruption to duty under Article 273 of the Service Regulations, since it was immediately followed by reinstatement.

The Excise Commissioner has recommended, as a concession to him in consideration of his long, faithful and valuable service, either leave on privat affairs and furlough for the deficient period, or an addition of one year to his service in the 3rd grade of Extra Assistant Commissioner, under Government of India Resolution No.2087, dated 10th August 1878. The Comptroller considers that combined leave under Artic 165 A of the Service Regulations cannot be granted to officers who are more than 55 years old. This view is correct, and the Excise Commissioner will be informed accordingly.

Mr. Venkatranga Iyengar, however, was employed

on famine duty for over two years from October 1876 to November 1878, and earned the praise of his superior officers for his good services at the time. It is also reported that during the whole period of his service, he has taken only two months' privilege leave, and casual leave for a few days. He prays that one year's additional service may be granted for his famine work.

The Second Councillor considers that his request is inadmissible, but it is not clear how it can be refused. If it is a concession enjoyed by other officers, I do not see why Mr. Venkatranga Iyengar should not be graciously conceded that benefit for his famine work. Mr. Venkatranga Iyengar's work in the Excise Department has won the praise of his superiors, and in my humble opinion the concession which he seeks, while it gives him an increase of about ₹8 to his pension, is one which need not be withheld.

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DATE 9.2.04
NO 1423

Record of Case submitted for the orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Prayer of Mr.S.Venkatrangiengar,retired Assi
tant to the Excise Commissioner,for certain con-
cessions in regard to his pension

DATE 16.2.04
NO 1550

Order.

I agree with the Dewan. The Concession
of an years Service maybe granted.

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From The Excise

To The Secreta
Govt. Samal

Dated 11 Augus

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General No. 1262

No. 56

Enclosure—

S.R 1284-03

Submitted without the file which is retained in Office for issue of the order about retirement.

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The Dewan through the 2nd Councillor

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Excise Commissioner's Office in Mysore
Bangalore, dated 11th August 1903

From

P. N. Purnaiya, Esqr. B.A.
Excise Commissioner in Mysore

To

H. V. Nanjundaiya, Esqr. M.A. M.L.
Secretary to Government
Revenue and General Department

Sir,

I have the honour to forward for kind submission to His Highness the Maharaja, the accompanying memorial from Mr. S. Venkatrangiengar, Assistant to the Excise Commissioner.

In the absence of Government orders in the matter, I cannot submit any observations.

On the case as put forth by Mr. Venkatrangiengar, I need only say that when three successive promotions in pay and rank were earned by this officer, the question of his continuance in service was understood to depend only on his fitness for further work. I can only repeat in sincerity and earnestness that he well deserves a generous and favourable consideration of his prayer which is not a very extraordinary request.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant
P. N. Purnaiya
Excise Commissioner in
Mysore.

11th April 1903 Encl: to S.C.1. 3

Bangalore,

Dated 10th August 1903.

To

His Highness Sree Krishnaraja Wodayer Bahadur,

Maharaja of Mysore.

The humble memorial of S.Venkata-Rangaiyengar, Assistant to the Excise Commissioner in Mysore.

May it please Your Highness,

Your Memorialist is given to understand that he has been recommended for retirement. In one and the same Demi-official letter, the Excise Commissioner has reported to Govern-ment that both Mr.Davy and Your Memorialist are strong and healthy, and have been efficiently performing their duties. In the case of Mr.Davy, further extension of service has been sanctioned; but in Your Memorialist's case similar orders have not been received as yet. After his hard, faithful and honest services for a long period of nearly 40 years, it is his earn-est desire to serve his king and his country for a further period of one year and eight months, so as to complete the requisite period of three years' service, to enable him to a pension equal to a moiety of his present salary, it being now only one year and four months since he was promoted to his present pay. He was quite sanguine of getting his desire ful-filled in consideration of his very long service of nearly 40 years, with only two months' privilege leave during the whole period; more especially as he is quite strong, vigorous and effecient, and capable of riding 12 miles an hour, and as there is a standing order of Government that efficient old public servants should not be retired simply to make room for young men. There is also a similar rule in the Mysore Civil Service Regulations. It pains Your Memorialist very sorely that the recommendation for his retirement is said to be due to an al-lusion made last year by one of the Councillors to the existenc of two unfavourable records against him, which took place so -

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long ago as 1879 and 1884 respectively. Such allusion seems to have been made purposely to depict him in the worst possible light and to pronounce him ineligible for Assistant Commission-er's grade. In regard to these records, he begs to submit that they were only one-sided, as his defence also does not appear to have been laid before the Authorities concerned. In the -- first case, when he personally explained to Sir James Gordon that he did not disobey orders, and that he was not given an opportunity of proving his assertion that his then immediate superior, Mr.L.Ricketts, " treated him in a manner that no common cooly would tolerate for a moment", Sir James Gordon was kind enough to advise him as follows:-

"Forget the past ; your present superior Mr. Sheshadri Iyer has spoken very highly of you; I shall promote you to the next higher grade of Amildars on my return to Bangalore". Accordingly, he promoted your Memorialist. In proof of this an extract from Sir Sheshadri Iyer's Demi-official letter to Your Memorialist, is quoted below:-

"Tumkur"

"20th February 1880"

"My dear sir,

I am glad that the Chief Commissioner has been pleas-ed to give you promotion to the next higher grade of Amildars upon my assurance as to your honest and efficient discharge of your duties.

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Believe me

always your well-wisher

(Signed) K.Sheshadri Iyer

To

S.Venkatarangaiengar,

Amildar, Chickanaiknahalli ".

The aforesaid Mr. Ricketts himself after he became Excise Commissioner, got Your Memorialist's pay raised to Rs.200/-, - and repeatedly recommended Your Memorialist to Government, for promotion

promotion to the grade of an Assistant Commissioner. Vide Mr. Ricketts' letters to Government Nos. 4065/385, dated 28th March 1895, 4184/398, dated 8th April 1895, and 4474/427, dated 25th April 1895. It will thus be seen that the black mark in connection with the first case, was entirely obliterated.

In regard to the second case, Your Memorialist begs to state that having received training under such European officers as Mr.B.L.Rice (under whom he was a student when he was the principal of the Central College), Mr. J.Garrett, Colonel J. Pearse, Captain Magrath, Captain T.G.Clarke, Captain Porteous, Captain Ludlow, Colonel Weldon, Major Gompertz, Mr.Mangles, Mr.Christian, &c, Your Memorialist made it his duty when he was an Amildar, to put down malpractises and criminals of every description. Shortly after his transfer to the Chitaldrug Taluk, he found pending disposal in the Taluk Cutcherry, the new registers of several tanks, which he had to take charge of, and which had been reported as completed and brought to standard by the Executive Engineer Mr.Syed Esuff. But when Your Memorialist inspected the tanks, he found that the bunds were full of scours, the turfing was not done, and grade stones were lying here and there without being planted in their proper places. Therefore he refused to take charge of the tanks, and also brought to light the irregularities which he noticed. He also brought to light that the roads were never repaired, though the maintenance allowance was shown as expended. He did not know that the Executive Engineer was an intimate friend of Mr.Namcul Row, Sub-Divisional officer of Chitaldrug, (which was then only a Sub-Division in the Tumkur District), until he found that Mr.Namcul Row took no notice of his report, and in fact he hushed it up. On one occasion he could not tolerate the violence used by Mr.Namcul Row on one of his poor Ryots, who refused to supply him with dawk bullocks gratuitously. All this irritated Messrs. Syed Esuff and Namcul Row who then conspired with the help of the whole Police Force, to manufacture false cases against Your Memorialist and to thereby get rid of him. Had it not been for his popularity in the Taluk, they

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could have succeeded in getting him imprisoned. On Mr.Namcul Row's report, Mr.Mahomed Ali, Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, (and who unfortunately happened to be a relation of the Executive Engineer), enquired into the several cases concocted by Mr. Namcul Row. Even though the enquiry was not held in Your Memorialist's presence as requested by him, none of the charges could be established against him. But there was sufficient evidence to show that the Police, Mr. Namcul Row's instruments, had wrongfully confined several persons in order to make them write out false complaints against Your Memorialist. However, on Mr.Mahomed Ali's report on the result of the one-sided enquiry made against Your Memorialist, the late Dewan ordered that he should be suspended for one year and then taken to the Dewan's office on the same pay as he drew as Amildar. Seeing the guilty party was let off scot-free, and the innocent person punished, Your Memorialist went away in disgust to the Godavery District and took up the profession of a Lawyer. But he was pressed by his relatives and friends to return to Banga-lore for the sake of his motherless little ones, and submit his explanations to the Dewan, or to appeal to His Highness the late Maharaja. Accordingly, he reluctantly returned to Bangalore and submitted his Memorial to the late Dewan, explaining that the remarks made in Government proceedings No. 3310/132, dated 22nd August 1884, under which he was suspended, were not based upon facts and records, and implored him to go through the papers personally; because he knew that only the Chief -- Secretary (Mr.Vijayendra Row), a friend of Mr.Namcul Row, -- drafted the proceedings inconsistently with the records. He marked his Memorial "Cofidential", thinking that the Dewan - would not send it to the Chief Secretary, but that he would call for and read the papers personally and do him justice. But unfortunately for him, he sent it to the Chief Secretary with remarks to the following effect:-

"Why should Venkatrangaiengar submit this Memorial when he is allowed to draw his previous full pay, and why should it be marked confidential? I have no time for studying. You may perhaps like to glance through it and see what it is worth in

in connection with your memory of the case". As Your Memorialist was then employed under the Chief Secretary, in the Dewan Office, he sent for him and said as follows, to the best of his recollection:-

"When a Sub-Division officer and an Amildar fight, we are obliged to pass orders in favour of the former for the sake of his position, though the Amildar is innocent. A similar course was adopted in the Madras Presidency whena Collector and a Tahasildar fought. You had better keep quite. You will be all right again". Then he simply filed the Memorial. Thus Your Memorialist was shut up and prevented from appealing to His Highness the late Maharaja. He begs to submit herewith a copy of his said Memorial to the late Dewan, with a copy of remarks thereon to the Chief Secretary.

Shortly afterwards, Mr. Namcul Row evidently feeling that he was then quite free to again go on with his iniquities, slippered and wrongfully confined a poor potel and two ryots, simply because they did not bring him proper dawk bullocks. For this offence, he was tried criminally in Bangalore, convicted and fined by the abovementioned Mr.Ricketts who was then the District Magistrate of Bangalore. The sentence was confirmed finally by Mr.Plumer as Chief Judge. Nevertheless, Mr. Namcul Row, a Madrassee, had the good luck of rising to a Deputy Commissionership, whereas Your Memorialist, a poor Mysorean, became a victim to the unproved cases concocted by Mr.Namcul Row. He heard that sometime after Mr. Namcul Row was finally convicted by Mr.Plumer of the offence of wrongful confinement, Mr.Plumer seeing that Mr.Namcul Row was continued in service, remarked-"Is he still in service!" It will be clearly seen that Your Memorialist suffered unjustly on account of certain charges maliciously reported against him by Mr.Namcul Row of such bad reputation,-charges which he has conclusively shown in his Memorial to the late Dewan, to be perfectly false and unfounded. The accompanying copy of his Memorial to the late Dewan, may not fail to convince Your Highness that the said charges were got up purposely to entrap him and to ruin him.

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On Colonel Campbell's appointment as Excise Commissioner he took Your Memorialist into his office as Sheristadar, as he knew him well when he was the Officiating Commissioner of -- Nundidroog Division under British Administration. He did not remain long as Excise Commissioner to do Your Memorialist any good; but on his transfer to the Kadur District as Deputy Com -missioner, he made the following remarks in his Service -- Register:-

"I have pleasure in recording that Venkatarangaiengar has shown ability and zeal as Sheristadar in the Office of the Excise Commissioner.He has also been of material help to Mr. McDonnell and myself in preparing a re-draft of the Excise Act, and in drawing up Rules and Regulations under it". Mr. Vijayen -dra Row who succeeded Colonel Campbell as Excise Commissioner, and who formerly as Chief Secretary,drafted the aforesaid Pro-ceedings against Your Memorialist, recommended him to the late Dewan for promotion to the rank of an Assistant Commissioner. Subsequently, the aforesaid Mr.Ricketts who succeeded him as Excise Commissioner, first got Your Memorialist's pay raised to Rs.200/- as Sheristadar, and then repeatedly recommended him to Government in the letters above quoted, for promotion to the grade of an Assistant Commissioner. Therefore the black mark in the 2nd case also, which Your Memorialist had unjustly been made liable to, was also entirely obliterated.

× S. R. 10-94 88.6 Under Government Notification No× 4870/Mis.930,dated 3rd. November 1897, Your Memorialist was appointed Assistant to the Excise Commissioner in Mysore. He was graded as Extra Assistant Commissioner, third class, in Government Proceedings No.× 435/ Ex.F.5-97, dated 22nd April 1902.

× S.R. 5-2 of 1901-28.2

Now Your Memorialist respectfully ventures to solicit that Your Highness may be graciously pleased to consider all the facts of his hard case and favor him with an interview and to defer the issuing of orders about his retirement until he has had an opportunity of more fully explaining his case. Since he heard that he is to be retired on account of a stigma in his character in connection with the aforesaid two cases which perished long ago , the pain he suffers is indescribable. His

His humble prayer is that in consideration of his faithful & loyal services for a long period of nearly 40 years, and of his sound and vigorous health and efficiency with which God has blessed him, he may be retained in service for a further period of one year and eight months, to enable him to draw a pension equal to a moiety of his present salary, and to pass his remaining days in this world with a calm and easy mind, praying for the long life and prosperity of his beloved king, His Highness Maharaja Krishnaraja Wodayer Bahadoor.

Apologising himself for his intrusion on your Highness' valuable hours, he begs to subscribe himself,

Assistant to the Excise
Commissioner
in Mysore.